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In re Application of
RUDINGER, et al.
U.S. Application No.: 10/009,507
PCT No.: PCT/EP00/06092
Int. Filing Date: 29 June 2000
Priority Date: 22 July 1999
Attorney's Docket No.: RUDINGER ET AL-5 (PCT)
For: PROCESS FOR THE SEPARATION AND
PURIFICATION OF AN AQUEOUS MIXTURE
COMPRISING THE MAIN COMPONENTS
ACETIC ACID AND FORMIC ACID

DECISION ON PETITION

UNDER 37 CFR 1.182

This decision is in response to applicant's petition under 37 CFR 1.182 filed 29 October 2002 in the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO). Applicant has provided the \$130.00 petition fee.

BACKGROUND

On 18 April 2002, applicant was mailed a communication indicating that the declaration filed 05 December 2001 was not in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497 (a)-(b). Specifically, the fifth listed inventor was listed and executed as "Barbara WILD" whereas the International Application lists the fifth inventor as "Barbara REIL." Applicant was instructed to provide either a declaration executed with the name which appears on the international application, "Barbara REIL" or in the alternative, a petition under 37 CFR 1.182 requesting that applicant's name be changed to "Barbara WILD." Applicant was afforded two months to file a proper response.

On 08 July 2002, applicant filed a newly executed combined declaration and power of attorney in which the fifth inventor was identified and executed as Barbara REIL.

On 16 August 2002, applicant was mailed communication detailing that applicant previously filed an executed declaration listing the fifth inventor as Barbara WILD and that it was unclear if the true legal name of the fifth inventor of the present application is Barbara REIL or Barbara WILD. Applicant was again instructed to provide either a declaration executed with the name which appears on the international application, "Barbara REIL" or in the alternative, a petition under 37 CFR 1.182 requesting that applicant's name be changed to "Barbara WILD." Applicant was afforded two months to file a proper response.

On 29 October 2002, applicant filed the present petition under 37 CFR 1.182 accompanied by a declaration executed by Barbara Wild. The papers were certified as having been deposited for mailing on 16 October 2002 and thus are considered to be timely filed.

DISCUSSION

The present petition is accompanied by a declaration setting forth the procedure whereby the change of name was effected; namely by marriage and subsequent divorce. The declaration is executed by Ms. Wild in both her married and current maiden name. As such, it is appropriate to grant applicant's petition at this time.

CONCLUSION

The petition under 37 CFR 1.182 to change the inventor's name from Barbara REIL to Barbara WILD is **GRANTED**.

The application has an international filing date of 29 June 2000 under 35 U.S.C. 363 and a date of **05 December 2001** under 35 U.S.C. 371(c).

This application is being forwarded to the National Stage Processing Branch of the International Division for continued national stage processing.



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